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Re: Response to Notice to File Missing Parts
Inventors: SCOTT, Steve T., et al.
Invention: METHOD AND SYSTEM FOR SUPPLY CHAIN
PRODUCT AND PROCESS DEVELOPMENT
COLLABORATION
Serial No.: 802,398
Filed: March 9, 2001
Our File No.: P00509-US-1 (04690.0007)

Dear Sir/Madam:

On June 22, 2001, Applicants filed a Response to a Notice to File Missing Parts (the "Response"), dated April 24, 2001. Several items were submitted with the Response, including a substitute Abstract of the Invention and forty-two (42) Substitute Drawings. None of the submitted

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items were required to meet the statutory requirements in order to obtain a filing date for this application under 37 C.F.R. §1.53.

Subsequent to Applicants' Response filed on June 22, 2001, Applicants received a Notice of Incomplete Reply (Nonprovisional) dated July 18, 2001, stating that an Abstract not to exceed 150 words in length must be filed and that Figures 41 and 42 appeared to have been **omitted** in the specification.

Enclosed is a copy of the Response to Notice to File Missing Parts, mailed on June 22, 2001, and copies of all enclosures originally provided with the Response. Also enclosed is a copy of the return postcard evidencing that the Response with the enclosures was received by the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office on June 22, 2001.

Applicants respectfully allege that a proper and timely Response to the Notice to File Missing Parts was sent to the Office for this Application. Based on the issuance of the Notice of Incomplete Reply however, it appears that certain items may have been separated at the Patent and Trademark Office. Therefore, additional copies are being sent with this Response to Notice to File Missing Parts. Copies of the following are attached:

1. Nine (9) missing Declarations signed by the inventors.
2. Two (2) Form PTO-1595 and Two (2) Assignments of the Invention to Powerway, Inc. signed by the inventors.
3. Substitute Abstract of the Invention.
4. Substitute Drawings (42 Figures).

These are the same items included with the Response of June 22, 2001. Also, a check in the amount of \$130.00, as applicant is not a small entity, was submitted with the first Response on June 22, 2001.

Therefore, Applicants respectfully allege that the Notice of Incomplete Reply (Nonprovisional), dated July 18, 2001, was issued in error and respectfully request that said Notice of Incomplete Reply be withdrawn.

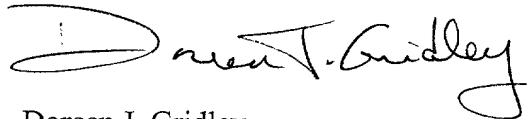
If a determination is made by the Patent and Trademark Office to the contrary, enclosed is a check in the amount of \$890.00 in payment of the extension fee for response within the third month for this Response to Notice to File Missing Parts of Nonprovisional Application. In the event Applicants have inadvertently overlooked the payment of an any fee, Applicants authorize that any

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charges be made to deposit account 09-0007. Further, any overpayment should be credited to deposit account 09-0007.

Should there be any questions, please call the undersigned.

Respectfully submitted,



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Enclosures: Copy of Response to Notice to File Missing Parts
Copy of Returned Postcard
Copy of Notice to File Missing Parts for Nonprovisional Application
Nine (9) missing Declarations signed by the inventors
Two (2) Forms PTO-1595 & Two (2) Assignment of the Invention to Powerway, Inc.
Substitute Abstract of the Invention
Substitute Drawings (42 Figures)
Check in the amount of \$890.00
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cc: William Becher (w/o enclosures)
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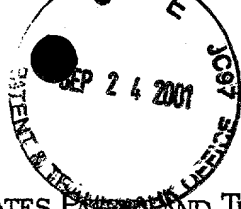
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NOTICE TO FILE MISSING PARTS OF NONPROVISIONAL APPLICATION

FILED UNDER 37 CFR 1.53(b)

Filing Date Granted

An application number and filing date have been accorded to this application. The item(s) indicated below, however, are missing. Applicant is given **TWO MONTHS** from the date of this Notice within which to file all required items and pay any fees required below to avoid abandonment. Extensions of time may be obtained by filing a petition accompanied by the extension fee under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a).

- The oath or declaration is missing.
A properly signed oath or declaration in compliance with 37 CFR 1.63, identifying the application by the above Application Number and Filing Date, is required.
- To avoid abandonment, a late filing fee or oath or declaration surcharge as set forth in 37 CFR 1.16(e) of \$130 for a non-small entity, must be submitted with the missing items identified in this letter.
- **The balance due by applicant is \$ 130.**

The application is informal since it does not comply with the regulations for the reason(s) indicated below.

The required item(s) identified below must be timely submitted to avoid abandonment:

- Substitute drawings in compliance with 37 CFR 1.84 because:
 - drawing sheets do not have the appropriate margin(s) (see 37 CFR 1.84(g)). Each sheet must include a top margin of at least 2.5 cm. (1 inch), a left side margin of at least 2.5 cm. (1 inch), a right side margin of at least 1.5 cm. (5/8 inch), and a bottom margin of at least 1.0 cm. (3/8 inch);
- An Abstract not to exceed 150 words in length, commencing on a separate sheet (37 CFR 1.72(b)).

A copy of this notice **MUST** be returned with the reply.

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